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## Introduction

**R**eported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 1999 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System (IARS), established under section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes. Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. A copy of the statute and reporting form can be found in the Appendix.

The Induced Abortion Report form collects only statutorily required information. Each facility that receives a supply of forms is given a code number by which it is identified on the reporting forms. That facility code and the patient medical record number are used solely for data collection purposes, as stipulated in section 69.186, Wis. Stats. The original reporting forms are destroyed after data entry. The facility code and patient medical record numbers are used for purposes of information accuracy only and are deleted from the data set after editing. This is required to ensure the anonymity of the patient who receives an induced abortion; the health care provider who provides an induced abortion; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed. The cooperation of medical personnel who carry out the responsibility of reporting is acknowledged and appreciated.

The tables in this publication summarize data for the calendar year 1999 as well as three-year annual average information and rates for the years 1995 through 1999. The tables categorize and cross-classify reported induced abortions by patient characteristics that include age, educational attainment, marital status, race/ethnicity, and state and county of residence; by an estimate of gestational age; and by reported complications. The data are occurrence-based: they consist of reports on induced abortions performed in Wisconsin for both residents and non-residents.

**Data Limitations and Caveats.** The accuracy of the data presented in these tables is affected by a number of factors. State and county of residence, race, ethnicity, and marital status are self-defined and reported by patients, which can affect accuracy of the characteristics measured. The education measure is defined in the report form as the highest grade completed; however, some patients may overlook the definitions and give the highest grade attended.

A major limitation is the unknown number of induced abortions obtained by Wisconsin residents in other states. This report includes only those reported induced abortions that occurred in Wisconsin and is not a measure of all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained abortions. Illinois, Iowa and Michigan do not have reporting systems. Minnesota has a case-based reporting system for induced abortions. (In 1998, 1,041 Wisconsin residents obtained induced abortions in Minnesota.) Inclusion of out-of-state data would increase the total reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents.

Assessing the incidence of complications is somewhat problematic. Facilities are asked to complete the reporting form during the visit in which the procedure is performed. However, some

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complications do not occur immediately or become apparent while the patient is in post-procedure recovery. A few providers, particularly hospitals, complete the report form at a later date using medical records. These reports are more likely to reflect later complications and they also are much more likely to be for second-trimester procedures, for which there are higher attendant risks.

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## Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 1999 was 11,013, a decrease from the 11,681 reported in 1998 (see Table 1). This is the third consecutive year that reported induced abortions have decreased in Wisconsin.
- The total number of abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 1999 was 10,703 (down from 11,322 in 1998).
- The estimated 1999 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 9 per 1,000 women age 15-44 (down from 10 per 1,000 in 1998). According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 20 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 1997; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.<sup>1</sup>
- The estimated induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 16 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 1999, down from 18 in 1998. The most recent national ratio was 31 per 100 live births in 1997 (see Table 1).<sup>2</sup>
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (33 percent) of reported induced abortions in 1999. Those aged 18-19 obtained 13 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 6 percent. Eleven percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older.
- Seventy-one percent of reported abortions were obtained by women who had never been married; 15 percent by currently married women; 9 percent by women who were divorced; 4 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed. In 1999, marital status was not reported in less than 1 percent of abortions.
- Seventy percent of reported induced abortions were obtained by white women, 24 percent by black women.
- Fifty percent of reported induced abortions in 1999 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation.

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion Surveillance: Preliminary Analysis – United States, 1997. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 48, Nos. 51 and 52, January 7, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Calculation of a true Wisconsin resident induced abortion ratio and rate would require knowing the number of Wisconsin residents obtaining induced abortions in other states. Estimates can be made for 1999 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (10,703) and in Minnesota (1,041 in 1998, the latest year for which figures are available) with 67,379 Wisconsin resident live births for 1998 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 1998 (1,160,261). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 1999 was 17 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 1999 estimated resident abortion rate was about 10 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

**Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, 1974-1999**

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
<b>Annual Facility Survey</b>			
1974	10,920	17	11
1975	12,319	19	12
1976	14,243	22	14
1977	16,133	24	16
1978	17,764	26	17
1979	20,035	28	18
1980	21,754	29	20
1981	20,819	28	19
1982	19,412	26	18
1983	18,866	26	17
1984	18,836	26	17
1985	17,309	24	15
1986	17,454	24	15
<b>Case-Based Continuous Reporting System</b>			
1987	17,318	24	16
1988	17,986	25	16
1989	17,575	25	16
1990	16,848	23	15
1991	16,237	23	14
1992	15,549	22	14
1993	14,671	21	13
1994	13,396	20	12
1995	12,782	19	11
1996	13,673	20	12
1997	13,218	20	11
1998	11,681	18	10
1999	11,013	16	9

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services. The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is *Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986*.

\* The ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 1999 ratio is based on the number of live births in 1998.)

\*\* The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 1999 rate is based on population estimates for 1998.)

Note: The reporting of induced abortions on a case basis began in Wisconsin on January 1, 1987. Before that date an annual survey was conducted of medical facilities and provided only the total number of reported induced abortions in the state.

**Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 1999**

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	10,703	97%
Illinois	121	1
Michigan	119	1
Iowa	21	<1
Minnesota	13	<1
Other State	33	<1
Other Country	2	<1
Total	11,013	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: Total column includes one induced abortion for which residence was “unknown”.

**Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 1999**

Age	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	68	1%	68	1%		
15-17	712	6	687	6	(<18)	6.2
18-19	1,379	13	1,339	13		16.9
20-24	3,638	33	3,533	33		21.0
25-29	2,478	23	2,424	23		14.3
30-34	1,465	13	1,425	13		7.5
35-39	957	9	926	9		4.2
40-44	293	3	279	3	(40+)	1.4
45+	23	<1	22	<1		
Total	11,013	100%	10,703	100%		9.2

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

\* The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on 1998 population estimates); age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group. The rate among females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44.

Note: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

**Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

Legal Status	Number
A. If the patient is less than 18 years old, indicate the circumstances of the patient.	
1. Patient is an emancipated minor.	48
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	96
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	611
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	755
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	546
2. Guardian or legal custodian	6
3. Adult family member	59
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	611
C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.	
1. A medical emergency exists that requires an immediate abortion.	0
2. The minor provided a written statement that the pregnancy was the result of a sexual assault. I reported this assault as required by law.	0
3. A psychiatrist or licensed psychologist provided a written statement that the minor is likely to commit suicide rather than file a petition or approach a person empowered to give consent.	0
4. The minor provided a written statement that the pregnancy is the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver. I reported this as required by law.	0
5. The minor provided a written statement that she has been abused by a person empowered to give consent. I reported this as required by law.	0

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 5. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin 1999**

Marital Status	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,625	15%	1,586	15%	98%
Separated	431	4	415	4	96
Not Married:					
Never Married	7,858	71	7,642	71	97
Divorced	1,022	9	984	9	96
Widowed	40	<1	39	<1	98
Unknown	37	<1	37	<1	100
Total	11,013	100%	10,703	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns include only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

**Table 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 1999**

Race/Ethnicity	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	7,735	70%	7,457	70%	96%
Black	2,573	23	2,553	24	99
Amer. Indian	152	1	148	1	97
Asian/Pacific Isl.	523	5	516	5	99
Other/Unknown	30	<1	29	<1	97
Total	11,013	100%	10,703	100%	97%
Hispanic	655	6%	633	6%	97%
Non-Hispanic	10,347	94	10,059	94	97
Unknown	11	<1	11	<1	100
Total	11,013	100%	10,703	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns include only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 1999**

Years of Education	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	331	3%	324	3%	98%
9-11	1,748	16	1,707	16	98
12	4,550	41	4,418	41	97
13-15	3,155	29	3,053	29	97
16 or more	1,209	11	1,181	11	98
Unknown	20	<1	20	<1	100
Total	11,013	100%	10,703	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

**Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin 1999**

Weeks of Gestation	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	5,506	50%	5,363	50%	97%
9-10	2,438	22	2,375	22	97
11-12	1,442	13	1,404	13	97
13-15	821	7	799	7	97
16-20	615	6	589	6	96
Over 20	189	2	171	2	90
Unknown	2	<1	2	<1	100
Total	11,013	100%	10,703	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

The data provided for what is termed “weeks of gestation” in the tables cannot be classified precisely or consistently. In some cases, it refers to the patient’s reported weeks since last menstrual period; in other cases, it is the physician’s estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions (Appendix) ask for the number of weeks since patient’s last menstrual period. If this information is unavailable, reporters are asked to substitute a clinical estimate of gestation. It is not known which reports used which measure, nor the proportion of reports using each. A physician’s estimate of gestational age based on clinical observation is generally more reliable and will generally be several weeks less than the patient’s reported weeks since last menstrual period. Readers should be aware of the imprecision in the measure. The table groups the reported weeks so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation, used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Complications During the Visit, Wisconsin 1999**

Complications	Occurring in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	10,986	10,676
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	4	4
Infection	1	1
Uterine Perforation	3	3
Cervical Laceration	2	2
Retained Products	5	5
Other	14	14
Total	11,013	10,703

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: The "Wisconsin Residents" column includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

Each induced abortion could have more than one type of complication reported.

**Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Abortion, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

Type of Abortion	Number
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	63
Surgical	10,630
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	10
Total	10,703

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

## Demographic Characteristics of Patients

**Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
<b>(Number)</b>							
Less than 15	41	25	1	1	0	68	5
15-17	502	156	12	15	2	687	38
15	83	28	4	3	1	119	9
16	178	53	5	3	1	240	10
17	241	75	3	9	0	328	19
18-19	959	308	20	48	4	1,339	65
18	452	147	7	27	2	635	35
19	507	161	13	21	2	704	30
20-24	2,469	880	49	126	9	3,533	241
20	557	183	11	24	0	775	43
21	576	158	8	33	1	776	49
25-29	1,536	720	40	118	10	2,424	159
30-34	994	312	20	98	1	1,425	67
35-39	720	126	3	75	2	926	42
40+	236	26	3	35	1	301	16
Total	7,457	2,553	148	516	29	10,703	633
<b>(Percent)</b>							
Less than 15	1%	1%	1%	<1%	0%	1%	1%
15-17	7	6	8	3	7	6	6
18-19	13	12	14	9	14	13	10
20-24	33	34	33	24	31	33	38
25-29	21	28	27	23	34	23	25
30-34	13	12	14	19	3	13	11
35-39	10	5	2	15	7	9	7
40+	3	1	2	7	3	3	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.



## Demographic Characteristics of Patients

**Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

1999							
	Marital Status						
			Never				
Age	Married	Separated	Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	Total
(Number)							
Less than 15	0	0	68	0	0	0	68
15-17	7	0	669	0	6	5	687
18-19	27	5	1,300	4	0	3	1,339
20-24	269	84	3,077	93	3	7	3,533
25-29	431	132	1,584	259	3	15	2,424
30-34	402	98	638	276	6	5	1,425
35-39	319	79	247	263	16	2	926
40+	131	17	59	89	5	0	301
Total	1,586	415	7,642	984	39	37	10,703
(Percent)							
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15-17	<1	0	9	0	15	14	6
18-19	2	1	17	<1	0	8	13
20-24	17	20	40	9	8	19	33
25-29	27	32	21	26	8	41	23
30-34	25	24	8	28	15	14	13
35-39	20	19	3	27	41	5	9
40+	8	4	1	9	13	0	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

**Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
11 or less	1,267	540	44	173	7	2,031	228
12	3,121	1,088	60	137	12	4,418	231
13-15	2,150	760	32	104	7	3,053	125
16 or more	905	163	12	99	2	1,181	44
Unknown	14	2	0	3	1	20	5
Total	7,457	2,553	148	516	29	10,703	633
(Percent)							
11 or less	17%	21%	30%	34%	24%	19%	36%
12	42	43	41	27	41	41	36
13-15	29	30	22	20	24	29	20
16 or more	12	6	8	19	7	11	7
Unknown	<1	<1	0	1	3	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

**Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Married	1,121	136	16	307	6	1,586	95
Separated	328	69	5	9	4	415	46
Not married:							
Never married	5,120	2,222	112	171	17	7,642	434
Divorced	841	103	14	24	2	984	50
Widowed	26	10	0	3	0	39	5
Unknown	21	13	1	2	0	37	3
Total	7,457	2,553	148	516	29	10,703	633
(Percent)							
Married	15%	5%	11%	59%	21%	15%	15%
Separated	4	3	3	2	14	4	7
Not married:							
Never married	69	87	76	33	59	71	69
Divorced	11	4	9	5	7	9	8
Widowed	<1	<1	0	1	0	<1	1
Unknown	<1	1	1	<1	0	<1	<1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

**Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
(Number)									
8 weeks or less	27	256	576	1,727	1,284	771	533	189	5,363
9-10	17	160	317	793	526	324	185	53	2,375
11-12	8	124	202	491	299	148	104	28	1,404
13-15	8	74	112	267	174	101	45	18	799
16-20	8	55	104	192	108	63	48	11	589
Over 20	0	18	28	63	32	17	11	2	171
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Total	68	687	1,339	3,533	2,424	1,425	926	301	10,703
(Percent)									
8 weeks or less	40%	37%	43%	49%	53%	54%	58%	63%	50%
9-10	25	23	24	22	22	23	20	18	22
11-12	12	18	15	14	12	10	11	9	13
13-15	12	11	8	8	7	7	5	6	7
16-20	12	8	8	5	4	4	5	4	6
Over 20	0	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	<1	<1	0	0	<1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

The data provided for what is termed “weeks of gestation” in the tables cannot be classified precisely or consistently. In some cases, it refers to the patient’s reported weeks since last menstrual period; in other cases, it is the physician’s estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions (see Appendix) ask for the number of weeks since patient’s last menstrual period. If this information is unavailable, the reporters are asked to substitute a clinical estimate of gestation. It is not known which reports used which measure, nor the proportion of reports using each. A physician’s estimate of gestational age based on clinical observation is generally more reliable and will generally be several weeks less than the patient’s reported weeks since last menstrual period. Readers should be aware of the imprecision in the measure. The table groups the reported weeks so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

**Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1999**

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	42	57	154	197	60	510
Columbia	5	11	19	32	11	78
Dane	93	165	526	516	168	1,468
Dodge	12	22	24	31	10	99
Fond du Lac	8	11	51	41	20	131
Grant	5	8	10	13	5	41
Jefferson	12	11	38	42	11	114
Kenosha	24	44	116	102	45	331
Manitowoc	12	14	25	36	15	102
Marathon	10	26	44	56	26	162
Milwaukee	252	476	1,434	1,686	390	4,238
Outagamie	24	32	105	94	34	289
Racine	36	64	143	151	53	447
Rock	17	39	63	60	17	196
Sauk	8	15	30	24	15	92
Sheboygan	21	28	46	51	23	169
Walworth	9	29	48	38	17	141
Washington	14	15	59	58	27	173
Waukesha	36	70	156	155	86	503
Waupaca	9	9	22	19	11	70
Winnebago	27	43	91	90	35	286
Wood	5	7	25	39	13	89
Other Counties	74	143	302	318	135	972
Unknown	0	0	2	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>3,849</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>10,703</b>

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate abortion frequencies for some counties.

Only counties that had at least five reports for each age group are shown in this table.

**Table 17. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1995-1999**

Age	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	991	8.7	1,090	9.3	1,071	9.1	860	7.2	755	6.2
18-19	1,369	19.6	1,593	22.1	1,595	22.2	1,399	18.7	1,339	16.9
20-24	4,060	24.2	4,348	26.5	4,089	24.9	3,656	22.2	3,533	21.0
25-29	2,733	15.5	2,921	16.6	2,822	16.0	2,610	15.1	2,424	14.3
30-34	1,652	8.1	1,781	8.9	1,752	8.8	1,542	8.0	1,425	7.5
35-39	1,015	4.7	1,053	4.8	1,019	4.7	943	4.3	926	4.2
40+	312	1.6	322	1.6	327	1.6	311	1.5	301	1.4
Unknown	0		0		0		1		0	
Total	12,132	10.6	13,108	11.4	12,675	11.0	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

\* The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44; age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group. The rate among females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1995-1999**

County	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,132</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>13,108</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>10,703</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Adams	27	9.8	25	9.0	32	11.5	25	9.0	23	8.2
Ashland	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	ns		10		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	456	9.2	523	10.4	532	10.6	478	9.5	510	10.1
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	42	5.1	50	5.9	39	4.6	35	4.1	36	4.1
	11		15		10		9		5	
Clark	24	3.9	27	4.3	15		21	3.4	11	
Columbia	93	9.7	82	8.4	86	8.8	98	10.1	78	7.9
Crawford	13		19		26	8.2	16		13	
Dane	1,773	17.2	1,800	17.4	1,802	17.4	1,503	14.4	1,468	14.0
Dodge	110	6.9	123	7.5	108	6.6	88	5.4	99	5.9
Door	31	5.9	28	5.3	42	7.9	38	7.3	35	6.7
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	16		ns		ns		6		5	
Eau Claire	32	1.4	27	1.2	35	1.6	16		6	
Florence	5		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	149	7.3	160	7.7	131	6.3	134	6.4	131	6.3
Forest	5		11		7		9		ns	
Grant	68	6.8	68	6.8	67	6.7	54	5.4	41	4.1
Green	58	8.8	62	9.3	57	8.5	39	5.9	44	6.6
Green Lake	28	7.5	23	6.1	30	8.0	29	7.6	22	5.7
Iowa	32	6.9	24	5.1	21	4.5	29	6.2	23	4.8
Iron	ns		ns		5		ns		ns	
Jackson	23	6.9	24	7.2	29	8.7	12		11	
Jefferson	126	7.7	121	7.4	125	7.6	139	8.5	114	6.9
Juneau	49	11.0	43	9.5	36	8.0	30	6.6	34	7.4
Kenosha	409	13.2	477	15.3	432	13.9	372	11.9	331	10.6
Kewaunee	16		16		16		6		9	
La Crosse	240	9.4	240	9.3	209	8.1	120	4.6	105	4.0
Lafayette	28	8.6	14		17		15		10	
Langlade	17		20	5.0	10		15		18	
Lincoln	37	6.4	19		25	4.3	20	3.4	16	
Manitowoc	113	6.7	125	7.3	89	5.2	110	6.4	102	5.9
Marathon	233	8.7	224	8.4	219	8.2	176	6.5	162	6.0
Marinette	43	5.1	54	6.4	57	6.8	35	4.2	42	5.0

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**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1995-1999 (continued)**

County	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number		Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Marquette	25	10.0	28	11.0	25	9.8	22	8.8	31	12.1
Menominee	ns		16		6		11		21	23.1
Milwaukee	4,424	19.8	4,993	22.4	4,889	21.9	4,541	20.4	4,238	19.1
Monroe	37	4.7	46	5.8	47	6.0	43	5.5	48	6.0
Oconto	37	5.8	41	6.3	50	7.7	30	4.6	28	4.2
Oneida	59	9.4	53	8.4	42	6.6	43	6.9	25	4.0
Outagamie	276	8.0	326	9.4	336	9.7	273	7.8	289	8.2
Ozaukee	146	8.7	124	7.4	134	8.0	141	8.4	100	6.0
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	111	6.9	149	9.1	132	8.1	107	6.5	98	5.9
Price	10		12		12		5		6	
Racine	462	11.3	482	11.7	490	11.9	476	11.6	447	10.9
Richland	20	5.7	22	6.3	23	6.6	18		22	6.3
Rock	360	11.2	307	9.5	307	9.5	244	7.6	196	6.1
Rusk	ns		ns		7		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	107	10.0	112	10.3	84	7.7	84	7.7	92	8.3
Sawyer	6		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	39	5.3	45	6.1	40	5.4	50	6.7	41	5.5
Sheboygan	150	6.6	203	8.8	196	8.5	188	8.1	169	7.2
Taylor	17		13		13		8		ns	
Trempealeau	21	4.1	27	5.3	15		12		6	
Vernon	36	7.1	37	7.2	32	6.2	17		21	4.1
Vilas	20	6.4	29	9.3	30	9.6	27	8.8	19	
Walworth	182	9.9	195	10.5	202	10.9	177	9.5	141	7.4
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	184	7.6	214	8.8	169	7.0	152	6.3	173	7.1
Waukesha	556	7.6	597	8.0	575	7.7	520	7.0	503	6.7
Waupaca	60	6.0	79	7.8	62	6.1	65	6.4	70	6.8
Waushara	23	6.1	29	7.6	19		22	5.8	18	
Winnebago	320	9.4	302	8.8	312	9.1	241	6.9	286	8.2
Wood	113	6.9	130	7.9	95	5.8	116	7.0	89	5.4

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

\* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

An "ns" ("not shown") indicates there were fewer than five reports in a county. Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

The total for 1999 includes two reports for which county of residence was unknown.



**Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-1999**

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	27	Iron	2	Price	8
Ashland	ns	Jackson	17	Racine	471
Barron	2	Jefferson	126	Richland	21
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	33	Rock	249
Brown	507	Kenosha	378	Rusk	4
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	10	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	145	Sauk	87
Calumet	37	Lafayette	14	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	8	Langlade	14	Shawano	44
Clark	16	Lincoln	20	Sheboygan	184
Columbia	87	Manitowoc	100	Taylor	8
Crawford	18	Marathon	186	Trempealeau	11
Dane	1,591	Marinette	45	Vernon	23
Dodge	98	Marquette	26	Vilas	25
Door	38		13	Walworth	173
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	4,556	Washburn	ns
Dunn	5	Monroe	46	Washington	165
Eau Claire	19	Oconto	36	Waukesha	533
Florence	2	Oneida	37	Waupaca	66
Fond du Lac	132	Outagamie	299	Waushara	20
Forest	7	Ozaukee	125	Winnebago	280
Grant	54	Pepin	ns	Wood	100
Green	47	Pierce	2		
Green Lake	27	Polk	ns		
Iowa	24	Portage	112	<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>11,567</b>

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

An “ns” (“not shown”) indicates there were fewer than five reports in a county.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

**Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-1999**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Adams	2	2	9	13	27
Brown	39	57	159	252	507
Calumet	7	5	10	15	37
Clark	2	2	4	8	16
Columbia	9	12	18	48	87
Crawford	3	2	7	6	18
Dane	107	188	554	742	1,591
Dodge	13	17	29	40	98
Door	2	6	11	20	38
Eau Claire	3	4	6	6	19
Fond du Lac	9	14	44	64	132
Grant	8	11	14	21	54
Green	4	7	13	23	47
Green Lake	4	6	6	10	27
Jefferson	12	19	39	56	126
Juneau	4	5	9	15	33
Kenosha	30	58	124	166	378
La Crosse	11	24	52	58	145
Lincoln	4	2	6	9	20
Manitowoc	8	14	28	51	100
Marathon	14	21	54	97	186
Marinette	5	9	16	15	45
Marquette	4	3	6	14	26
Milwaukee	296	517	1,538	2,205	4,556
Monroe	3	6	15	22	46
Oconto	6	4	9	17	36
Oneida	2	5	8	21	37
Outagamie	25	36	99	140	299
Ozaukee	8	14	33	70	125
Portage	7	17	42	45	112
Racine	43	62	153	213	471
Richland	2	3	6	10	21
Rock	24	39	84	101	249
Sauk	9	9	24	45	87
Shawano	5	6	13	20	44
Sheboygan	20	27	53	84	184

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**Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-1999 (continued)**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Trempealeau	2	2	2	6	11
Vernon	3	5	6	10	23
Vilas	2	4	5	13	25
Walworth	13	28	57	76	173
Washington	13	21	47	84	165
Waukesha	47	71	158	257	533
Waupaca	9	11	19	27	66
Waushara	2	3	7	8	20
Winnebago	22	38	91	129	280
Wood	8	11	30	51	100
Other Counties	21	18	44	64	147

**Three-Year Annual**

<b>Average Total</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>5,467</b>	<b>11,567</b>
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Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each age group during the three-year period.

Women age 25 and older were grouped into a single category for which three-year averages could be shown.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

**Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-1999**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	39	57	159	252	507
White	34	52	137	217	441
Black	2	2	5	5	13
Dane	107	188	554	742	1,591
White	89	158	459	594	1,300
Black	13	18	60	72	164
Kenosha	30	58	124	166	378
White	28	50	107	143	328
Black	2	7	14	21	44
Milwaukee	296	517	1,538	2,205	4,556
White	108	212	661	1,010	1,991
Black	175	275	808	1,040	2,299
Racine	43	62	153	213	471
White	32	48	111	153	343
Black	9	14	40	55	117
Rock	24	39	84	101	249
White	22	34	75	95	226
Black	2	4	7	5	17
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	895	1,444	3,759	5,467	11,567
White	653	1,053	2,623	3,820	8,148
Black	208	327	955	1,224	2,714

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each age group during the three-year period.

Women age 25 and older were grouped into a single category for which three-year averages could be shown.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

**Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-1999**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	107	188	554	742	1,591
Non-Hispanic	101	181	529	713	1,525
Hispanic	6	7	23	29	65
Kenosha	30	58	124	166	378
Non-Hispanic	28	54	113	151	345
Hispanic	3	4	11	15	33
Milwaukee	296	517	1,538	2,205	4,556
Non-Hispanic	276	475	1,401	2,048	4,201
Hispanic	20	41	136	156	353
Racine	43	62	153	213	471
Non-Hispanic	36	54	133	191	415
Hispanic	6	8	20	22	56
Sheboygan	20	27	53	84	184
Non-Hispanic	18	25	50	79	172
Hispanic	2	2	3	5	12
Waukesha	47	71	158	257	533
Non-Hispanic	45	67	149	247	507
Hispanic	2	4	9	9	25
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	895	1,444	3,759	5,467	11,567
Non-Hispanic	849	1,369	3,517	5,182	10,917
Hispanic	46	75	239	284	644

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each ethnicity-by-age group during the three-year period.

Women age 25 and older were grouped into a single category for which three-year averages could be shown.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

**Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-1999**

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	441	13	29	507	19
Dane	1,300	164	118	1,591	65
Kenosha	328	44	5	378	33
La Crosse	132	3	9	145	2
Milwaukee	1,991	2,299	186	4,556	353
Outagamie	262	3	29	299	11
Racine	343	117	7	471	56
Rock	226	17	4	249	8
Sheboygan	159	2	22	184	12
Walworth	163	8	2	173	7
Washington	156	5	2	165	5
Waukesha	489	17	25	533	25
Winnebago	253	4	19	280	8
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>8,148</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>11,567</b>	<b>644</b>

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each of these race and ethnic groups during the three-year period.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown. The total also includes an annual average of 166 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 16 for which race was reported as "Other" or "Unknown." (These numbers are too small to present them separately by county.)

### Induced Abortion Reporting (s. 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes)

(1) On or before January 15 annually, each hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed shall file with the department a report for each induced abortion performed in the hospital, clinic or other facility in the previous calendar year. Each report shall contain all of the following information with respect to each patient obtaining an induced abortion in the hospital, clinic or other facility:

- (a) The state and, if this state, the county, of residence.
- (b) Patient number.
- (c) Race.
- (d) Age.
- (e) Marital status.
- (f) Month and year in which the induced abortion was performed.
- (g) Education.
- (h) The number of weeks since the patient's last menstrual period.
- (hm) Whether the abortion was a chemically induced abortion, a surgical abortion or a surgical abortion following a failed or incomplete chemical abortion.
- (i) Complications, if any, resulting from performance of the induced abortion.
- (j) If the patient is a minor, whether consent was provided under s. 48.375(4) (a) 1. for the abortion and, if so, the relationship of the individual providing consent to the minor; or, if consent under s. 48.375 (4) (a) 1. was not provided, on which of the bases under s. 48.375 (4) (a) 2. or (b) 1., 1g., 1m., 2. or 3. the abortion was performed.

(2) The department shall collect the information under sub. (1) in a manner which the department shall specify and which ensures the anonymity of a patient who receives an induced abortion, a health care provider who provides an induced abortion and a hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed. The department shall publish annual demographic summaries of the information obtained under this section, except that the department may not disclose any information obtained under this section that reveals the identity of any patient, health care provider or hospital, clinic or other facility and shall ensure anonymity in all of the following ways:

- (a) The department may use information concerning the patient number under sub. (1)(b) or concerning the identity of a specific reporting hospital, clinic or other facility for purposes of information collection only and may not reproduce or extrapolate this information for any purpose.
- (b) The department shall immediately destroy all reports submitted under sub. (1) after information is extrapolated from the reports for use in publishing the annual demographic summary under this subsection.

In section 69.186, the term "induced abortion" means:

The termination of a uterine pregnancy by a physician of a woman known by the physician to be pregnant, for a purpose other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

Enacted October 11, 1997.

**Note on Statute Revision:** The Induced Abortion Reporting Statute (section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes) was revised in 1997 to add collection of data on minor patient legal status (j) and type of abortion (hm). (1998 was the first year in which these data were collected.)

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